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### ***Creative Minds- The Art of New Haven Youth*** **Opening at the Ives Gallery**



*Images come from students Emily Wilson, Sophia Capolla, Meralis Sequi, and Ayao Tossah.*

**WHAT:** ***Creative Minds: The Art of New Haven Youth***  
*New Haven Public School Students display their current work at the New Haven Free Public Library Ives Gallery.*

**WHEN:** Exhibition Dates: April 4 – May 6, 2018  
Artist reception: **Wednesday, April 4, 5:30 – 7:00pm**  
Gallery & Library Hours: Monday – Thursday, 10 am – 8 pm; Friday & Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm, Sunday Closed

**WHERE:** Ives Gallery, New Haven Free Public Library, 133 Elm Street, New Haven, CT

**EVENT:** A free public artist reception Wednesday, April 4, 5:30 – 7:00pm in the Ives Gallery.

*Creative Minds: The Work of New Haven Youth* displays current work of high school students from across the New Haven Public School District. The selections featured in this exhibit are just a snapshot of the fantastic artwork being created in the Visual Arts programs throughout the New Haven Public Schools.

New Haven Public Schools proudly offer a cohesive, comprehensive, sequential Visual Arts curriculum developed and taught by over 70 art teachers. They view the arts as a rigorous subject area with its own content knowledge vital in developing educated citizens. The structure of the curriculum is based on the language of the visual arts, composed of the elements of art and principles of design. Each unit is built around Responding to Art, Creating Art, and Making

Connections. In Response to Art, students observe, describe, analyze, interpret, compare and contrast diverse art works which relate to the unit they will be studying. In Creating Art, teachers guide students in experimenting with art materials and techniques to create individual artworks. In Making Connections, the units of study integrate art into other subjects including Language Arts, Math, Science and Social Studies. From their studies and guided by teachers, students think critically, learn the language of the visual arts and create artwork which reflects personal experience and imagination.

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### **About the Ives Gallery**

The Ives Gallery is proud to exhibit work that reflects and celebrates the rich diversity of greater New Haven's cultural community.

### **About the New Haven Free Public Library**

The New Haven Free Public Library system includes the Ives Memorial Library on the historic New Haven Green, the 24/7 online services of our digital branch, the ReadMobile – bringing books to early childhood learning centers, and four neighborhood libraries: Fair Haven, Mitchell, Wilson and Stetson. The Library welcomes more than 500,000 library patrons through its doors each year across its five locations.

*The New Haven Free Public Library's mission is to ensure all New Haven's citizens have full and unlimited access to information and knowledge so that they may meet the needs of daily living, have opportunities for self-education, and participate successfully in self-government.*

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